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[F5D09a], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 25th, 1929

Title
[F5D09a], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 25th, 1929

Author
Nichols, Marian

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Herr, Edwin Musser
- Cozzens, Sarah Hervey (Mrs Stanley T.)
- Edison, Charles
- Kunz, George Frederick
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-02-25

Type
Letter

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- Edison-Miller family
- National government (U.S.)
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Health and medicine
- Microphone and other acoustic devices

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476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York, February 25, 1924

Dear Aunt Nina: —

Here we still are at the Shelton (my goodness! I got the wrong writing paper!) and we are becoming quite fond of our "Tower" rooms — I wish you might have seen them for the view is beautiful — Perhaps we'll be in here another winter when you can — I really think that it has been a life saver for Father — it is so much easier for him to get to business, and on really bad days Mr. Fulmer can come to him — Anyway he hasn't had even a sniffle —

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knock on wood! As for Mother[2] — I can't say that she's done as well, but I think she was all tired out from Father's illness at home, + all the servant trouble, + then when she went out to Scarsdale for something or other it was very cold + she exposed herself some how - Fortunately we had an excellent young Doctor who saw the danger before it got serious and brought her through without any casualties for which we're all thankful - Now she is being careful and taking things more leisurely and so I hope will be alright from now on -

It's a shame that Charles is feeling so mean - Father went in to see him on Sunday and (no it was Washington's Birthday)

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476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York,.....

and Mother to-day - I have only been able to write him a note, but I rather imagine they don't want him to have too much company any way -

On Friday I'm going out to the house early, and a man will be there to set up our new "Voice of the skies" and I'm thrilled to death - I thought it should be up so the family can use it for the inaugural - I know we're going to love it, and am so glad that it is so successful - It certainly ought to be!

Just think! Aunt Grace + Uncle Hal are in Syria + Palestine this week - I gave them

a letter to our friend the governor 4
of Jerusalem, and hope they do
meet him, for I'm sure they'll
enjoy one another. This time
last year we were just about
nearing Athens. My but that was
a wonderful trip; I don't think
that there ever was a more per-
fect one. We called on the
Conzens on Washington's Birthday
& talked about trips, and how it
made me long to be off again.

I hope you are really getting
a rest, though it doesn't sound
very much like it. Have seen
Uncle Thomas in the Movies
numerous times these last two
weeks, but nary a sign of you.
I think you're too modest! But
now that I think of it, there
weren't any ladies in any of the
pictures. How nice that the

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476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York, ...

Hoovers called - Aren't they dears! And aren't we glad that they're the next ones to go into the White House! Did Mother send you the cartoon I cut out of the World about Uncle Thomas' rubber plants? The man trying to weed his garden & the weeds stretching & stretching, etc. It was quite amusing —

I expect to be busier than ever these next months for we are giving a large benefit performance for the benefit of our Library School Scholarship Fund. We are trying to get the Fund large enough so that we need only use the interest each year

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instead of having to take from the principal - I wondered if you would be a Patroness - You need not buy any tickets or give any donations; just lend us your name. Of course, Mr. Anderson, the director of the Library is a Patron + his wife too, + we are asking Mrs. Carnegie, since it was her husband's money which started the school, + she still continues with a Fund - Then I'm asking Uncle Ed Kerr, Mr. Liet, Mr. Adams, Dr. Young, Mr. Kent, + Judge Ransom - Others are asking different ones which they know, and we hope to make a great success - When I think of all I got out of my Library School course I'm anxious to help make it possible that at least one person can

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476 FIFTH AVENUE New York,

go on our Scholarship each year, who otherwise would not be able to -

We phoned Bogie last night and discovered that she had just returned from a trip to goodness knows where — Texas + everywhere else under the sun - She is certainly the busy lady these days -

Well I'll bid you good-night - Would love to have a nice letter from you but know how rushed you are so shall be glad to hear news of you through the Family - Would you drop me a card + let me know whether you will be a Patroness? Please do!

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With much love to you +
Uncle Thomas,

Mary Anne -

P. S. The pictures of your place are beautiful — the pool is great! And Mother has been buried in your newspapers all evening -

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[F5D09B], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 19th, 1929

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[F5D09B], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 19th, 1929

Author
Nichols, Marian

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1929-04-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Theater

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New York, April 19, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Mina: --

Just a line to tell you of the success of our venture with which you so kindly helped us. We have cleared over $25.00, so the work entailed was well worth while! I enclose one of our official "thank yous" which were passed around to all those attending the play - The whole evening was very much of a social success too.

Thank you again for your help.

Much love to you & Uncle Thomas,

Mary Anne.

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[F5D09C], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 9th, 1929

Title
[F5D09C], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 9th, 1929

Author
Nichols, Marian

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Elizabeth
- Association of Edison Illuminating Companies
- Kunz, Opal Gilberson (Mrs George F.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Lindbergh, Charles Augustus

Date
1929-08-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Health and medicine

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MARIAN NICHOLS
TREE TOPS
116 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

August 9, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Nina: —

I've intended writing you for weeks and weeks but as usual have done no writing at all. To begin with, I wanted to thank you for including me in the Hunz party at Newark Airport, and then for the lovely visit with you the next day. I fear that I should also apologize for being in such a nervous state sometimes. I think it would be heaven to be a jelly fish with no nerves (perhaps they too have nerves!) Also to thank you for inviting me to the glorious

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festivities of last week. I'm so glad they were so successful - I didn't tell you how sorry I was to miss it all — and I shall probably never recover from the disappointment of missing meeting the Lindberghs!! Elizabeth stole a march on me that time - But that's the way it is - You can't be a working girl and do everything else too, and I must say, I enjoy life pretty well for the most part - Father has been telling + Mother writing, in glowing terms of the wonders of the week at Chautauqua, and again I realize how much I missed - And so it goes! Both of them give most of the credit of success to you, and I am sure they are right in

this. You do everything so thoroughly, and goodness knows, you manage to do twice as much as any one else.

This is the last whole Free day I shall have until after my vacation in September, so I am taking full advantage of it by staying peacefully at home by myself, and writing a few letters which have been on my mind for a long time. Though I'm not going to be able to have Free days I shall be able to have Saturday afternoons occasionally which makes a rather nice week-end. Our schedule these next two weeks

or so is so tight that when once arranged nothing can be changed without disrupting every ones plans all down the line, so it behooves all of us to keep well.

Ed's going up to Quebec for the second week in September to attend the Edison Illuminating Convention with the Family - You had better come along - it looks interesting - Father thought we might stay in Canada awhile but when he heard that the temperature goes down to 40°, he lost interest - So I may go to Colorado for the remainder of my vacation - The good old ozone there will

put me on my feet!

I trust that you will be around these parts for the rest of the summer and that I shall see you before I go. Have you been to "Journeys End" yet? I've been wanting to take Mother some afternoon & would love to take you also, if you'd like to go. It is not a very good hot weather play, but if it stays cool like this it wouldn't be bad. Let me know.

Give my love to Uncle Thomas and the rest of your nice family when you see them; and get a good rest yourself. Many thanks again and much love, Mary Anne

GOOD-BYE

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[F5D09D], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 8th, 1929

Title
[F5D09D], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 8th, 1929

Author
Nichols, Marian

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Nichols, Ida Cornelia (Mrs Harrison J. Holt)
- Golden Jubilee (1929)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Ford, Henry
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-11-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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November 8, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Mina: —

No, I'm not in Taos, but in clearing out my stuff I came across this paper, and as it is far more attractive than any of my own, I thought I'd write to you on it — Anyway, it brings back such happy ~~visits~~ memories of my visit in New Mexico this summer — you know Aunt Ida took me on a three day motor trip through that country, and we had a superb time — I'll tell you about it when I see you, if you'd care to hear — Did you read Willa Cather's book entitled "When Death comes to the Archbishop"? It is all about that country in the early days, & is beautifully written —

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I had planned to write you 2
just as soon as we returned
from Detroit, but I found the
first days at the library so
hard and tiring. I always feel
the let down when I come
from a high altitude; but now
I've gathered my wits together & +
have collected myself, so shall be
ready for good, hard work.

We don't the Fords have to it,
that you got all kinds of pictures
of the Celebration, but I'm enclosing
a set of mine any way - Considering
the rain + fog I think they came
out remarkably well, and I'm
only sorry that I didn't take more,
+ especially some including
members of the family -

Dear Aunt Mina, I do so
want to make clear to you
what it meant to me to go to
Detroit - It is difficult, for it

Don Fernando Hotel

Taos, New Mexico

was so much a "feeling" rather than anything tangible. It was certainly good of you to see that the Family here & there, could go, and I am more than grateful that you included this most humble member of it. You are always so good to me. The whole thing was so quaint, so jolly & informal — but above all there was such a beautiful atmosphere. I can't explain, but I'm sure you felt it yourself, even more than the rest of us. It seemed so glorious that the finest men who'd done so much themselves should be so eager to pay Uncle Thomas the highest tribute that they could. Of course he deserves all and more than anyone could

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give him, but it is not often
that a man gets such recognition
until long after he has left us.
I've thought again and again of
the future of our country since
that Detroit trip, & it gives me a
feeling of elation. Surely when
such men, who are the most
influential, are as they are; we
cannot go far wrong; and I
don't believe that my generation
can be very bad when they
have such Mothers & Fathers. I've
never felt more content over
things than I do right now.

And the Fords themselves, how
sweet and loyal they are! Mr.
Ford's devotion to Uncle Thomas
is beautiful and something to
be treasured in the memory.
I felt that I wanted to write
them a little note of gratitude,
but they probably would never
get the letter — so Father says.

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Taos, New Mexico

And very likely they wouldn't remember me any way - But, perhaps some time you will have a chance to convey to them my sincere thanks + appreciation -

I'm so glad that Mother + Father will have a little visit with you to-day - it does them so much good -

It is a dark + gloomy day, as my Free days so often are, but I have a cozy little fire + am busy trying to catch up with my correspondence - I never feel like writing in the evenings after work — some how the thoughts will not shape themselves on paper, + so I have to wait until a time like this. Unfortunately

such times are few + far between

I understand that you are going to Florida very soon now - Sad for us, but splendid for you! You certainly need to get away from the flutut in ~~to~~ these parts and I know that you + Uncle Thomas will both be better off for it.

I shall hope to see you some time before you go -

Give much love to Uncle Thomas + keep a great deal for yourself - Love to Bogie also -

Mary Anne -

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[F5D09D1], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 27th, 1929

Title
[F5D09D1], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 27th, 1929

Author
Nichols, Marian

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Allis-Chalmers Co
- Nichols, Sarah Ann Stuart (Mrs Homer W.)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
1929-12-27

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Social customs, norms, values
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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Home for Christmas — Genuine Etching by J. L. Thompson

Dec. 27, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Mina: —

As usual, dear Mrs. Santa Claus, you have been far too generous to this young niece of yours, but she is most appreciative of all your kindness. In the first place, one of the brightest moments of christmas day was our brief sojourn at Glenmont with its telephone connection with you. It certainly would not be christmas in Orange Without some contact with you, and that phone call was a master stroke on your part. Madeleine was the moving spirit, and John kept the time and called each one in turn, so that

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everything went off swimmingly, and Madeleine looked as happy + pleased as could be. Mother was at the point of tears, as were others, and Self have to admit that my throat felt a bit queer too. The conservatory looked perfectly beautiful + the tree was as lovely as ever, with gay colored bags of pine cones lying beneath its branches. After the call we all stayed some little time exchanging greetings and a few gifts and having a jolly family time — the kind of a time I, for one, love the best! Eventually we broke up, and each little group went home to its individual Christmas.

We had a beautiful time at Florence's + Uncle John's. It was the first real visit I had had with Bobbie since we were children, + the first time that all our little group had been together since the time when we lived with Aunt Annie on 127th Street. The children had a gorgeous day, and the grown ups played with the endless toys as much as they did.

This little family of three had most of its home celebration on Monday night as we wouldn't be back here until Thursday. So

we had your wonderful Fraser packages then. I've never seen so many beautiful things all in one spot, and opening all the different sections was like a whole Christmas in itself. This being my free day, I've spent a good portion of it arranging the various bottles + packages in my medicine closet and suit case, + now that I'm all in order I've begun my christmas letters with yours!

Then when we got to Uncle Johnnie's we found the "Under your plate Merry christmas" which again brought back all the little traditions of a Glenmont Christmas. And in addition to all this I have to thank you many times for the opera ticket. I arranged ten days ahead to have my day changed at the Library so that I could get off successfully.

And now while I'm thanking you I might as well keep on and tell you the result to date, of the gift of the Liberty Bond from you + Uncle Thomas several christmases ago. I've meant to tell you before but have always forgotten. After some time, I've forgotten how long, I sold the Bond and bought five shares of Allis Chalmers stock,— picking that out for sentimental reasons, keeping it all in the family as it were. This Fall they

gave a stock dividend of four shares for one, so now I have twenty shares; and they've increased the dividend rate so that I receive $60.00 a year, which is a great help. So for this I send a perpetual "thank you"; also.

I do hope you had a lovely Christmas at Seminole Lodge, and were not so tired out + over-worked as you always are at Glenmont. It must have been queer to have balmy summer weather, and palms and orange trees all about. I can't quite imagine how it would feel on Christmas Day like that. We assume that you + Uncle Thomas are both well as we have not heard otherwise, + certainly we all hope this to be the case.

As near as I can find out, the family's plans are still "up in the air". All I can gather is that they are going somewhere, but when and where is still a mystery. Whenever that does take place, we shall close the house, and I shall find myself a wee nook some-place in the Big City - + there ought to be plenty to choose from!

Mother + Father both send love + many thanks so I do, and to Uncle Thomas also. With love to Bogie if she is with you.

Mary Anne.

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[F5D09E], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 23rd, 1931

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[F5D09E], Letter from Marian Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 23rd, 1931

Author
Nichols, Marian

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Pioneers
- Lieb, John William
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
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Type
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- Edison-Miller family
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- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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MARIAN NICHOLS
TREE TOPS
~~114 EDGEMONT ROAD~~
~~SCARSDALE, N. Y.~~

February 23, 1931.

Dearest Aunt Mina: —

Your dear telegram was the first birthday message I received and I was so happy to hear from you + to know that you were thinking of me. The family wrote such a lot about the beautiful time they were having with you, and I was so happy that you could all be together. We are such a family family, are we not? and I am glad that it is so. It is incomprehensible to me how some families can talk about this relative + that relative, and say

how much they dislike them etc.
I wouldn't give up one of
mine, or trade one for anything.
It is so wonderful to remember
all the lonely times that various
ones have had together, and so
many of those beautiful times
have been at Glenmont or at
Seminole Lodge. I know they
mean a great deal to my
Family + I can enjoy them by
proxy — the Florida ones I mean,
for I've been fortunate enough
to join in so many of the ones
up here.

I had a very pleasant birthday.
To begin with, it was my Free
day which made it seem quite
Festive. Florence used my tickets
to the Philharmonic, + she + I

had luncheon at the Beethoven Association with Mrs. Stoessel, who went with me to "Rheingold" afterwards - There is a sweet little woman! In the evening the Library staff took me out to dinner, & we had a gay informal time. An altogether pleasant day throughout.

There was the sweetest picture of you & Uncle Thomas in the Sunday Times. Did you see it? It looked so natural of you both, & you seemed so happy. I'm going to cut it out & put it in a little frame from Woolworth's until I get home. I hope the Red Cross drive was successful — it certainly sounded as if it were going to be.

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And Uncle Thomas' birthday celebration was certainly exciting! The Family sent me the accounts in the local papers & I enjoyed reading them tremendously - You must be glad that all the excitement has died down, however - There are always two sides to anything of that kind!

I went to the Pioneer luncheon to represent my fond parents & was horrified to find so few of the Family there - Florence & Uncle John, Marion, Thomas & Beatrice - I was glad that I had made the effort to help swell the numbers a bit - It was a very pleasant gathering, but one misses such moving spirits as Mr. Lieb, for instance -

Things go on about the same here. Mother probably told you that we have a new young chief. So far he seems to be doing very well — at any rate, he appears to be anxious to keep us happy & contented, and that is something for which to be be thankful. Then too he is young & pliable, & doesn't think he knows it all, which is something of an advantage!

My spare time is taken up with running library dinners (which I don't particularly enjoy) & attending concerts, opera & the theatre (which I do enjoy). There have been a great many very lovely concerts this winter, & with the Wagner cycle begun, I'm quite content with

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the musical activities -

Does anyone hear from Aunt Grace? I've thought of her so constantly and wondered how she was getting on, but have heard nothing — even second hand - If she goes South, I wish she would stop & stay with me a couple of days — I could take care of her quite comfortably though not what you would call luxuriously!

I do hope that you are going to have a chance to rest now without any more big festivities. It was good to know that Uncle Thomas was feeling better, & I'm sure he'll continue to improve in all that sunshine you seem to be having - How

you should begin to take things a little bit easier, and not work too hard - It's alright to be interested in civic things, but not to the extent of using up your strength ~~as~~ as you are so inclined to do -

Thank you again, dear Aunt Mina, for remembering me - Please give my love to Uncle Thomas, & tell him that one of my friends remarked the other day, that it was fortunate he was not inclined to Hay fever!

Much, much love to you,

Mary Anne -

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Sunday -

Darling Aunt Nina: —

I've thought of you so very often these last days, and especially to-day after hearing the sad news -

Dear Aunt Nina, we all know so well what it means to you, whose whole life has been given up to Uncle Thomas, so absolutely and completely - What a consolation it must be to you to know that he realized

how fully he depended upon you, and that you never failed him in the slightest degree - Such a life as yours together remains an inspiration to such as I. So many happy memories come rushing back to me, and I am glad that I can think of Uncle Thomas as a dear and sweet Uncle, as well as the wonderful man whom the world knew -

I know that there are many right at hand who are

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nearer and dearer, so I feel that I might only get in the way + help cause confusion; but if there is the slightest little thing I can do to be of any service, it will make me so content to have you call upon me -

Aunt Nina dear — what a tower of strength you are! I hope that some day you'll be fully repaid for what you are and

have always been to all of us -

Much, much love and
heartfelt sympathy,

Mary Anne -

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November 9, 1931.

Dearest Aunt Nina: —

During the past two weeks I've tried three separate times to write to you, but in each case my letter seemed so poor, & my real feelings so badly expressed that I gave up in despair — At any rate I do want you to know that my thoughts have been with you these last trying weeks.

The kernel of the thing I have been trying to say is: that in spite of the sadness

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and sorrow of Uncle Thomas' death, there ..... was some-thing so sublimely beautiful and complete about the end ... well, you see, there is some-thing there in my consciousness but I cannot put my finger on it -

You, dear Aunt Nina, what a wonderful thing it is you have done + are doing, + how heroically brave + strong you are! As always! I hope that if ever a sorrow of such magnitude comes to me, I shall be able to remember you + Aunt Grace + behave accordingly -

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I'm glad that you decided to take Marion Humble. I know that her whole thought & desire at the moment is to be of service in any way possible, & when one has that kind of spirit one usually succeeds.

With very best of love to you, Aunt Nina dear, and little prayers for your comfort & solace.

Mary Anne.

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